



NOTICE OF FUNDS AVAILABILITY

Division of Education Excellence 21st Century Community Learning Centers (21st CCLC) Program

The District of Columbia Office of the State Superintendent of Education is soliciting applications to establish 21st Century Community Learning Centers. **The purpose of these centers is to increase the academic achievement of students in reading/language arts, mathematics, and science.** Additionally, the centers may offer youth development programs and activities that are designed to reinforce and complement the regular academic program of participating students by providing safe, caring, learning environments during out-of-school hours. Drug and violence prevention, art, music, and recreation, character education, technology, and community service are examples of activities that can be provided. Programs must also offer families of students served opportunities for literacy and related educational development. The 21st CCLC Program is authorized under Part B of Title IV of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act, as amended by the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 (Public Law 107-110).

Eligibility: Local Education Agencies, community-based organizations, faith-based organizations, private schools, and District government agencies (such as Department of Parks and Recreation) are eligible to apply. As mandated by Federal law, priority is given to applicants who propose to target services to students who (a) attend schools in need of improvement and (b) submit a joint application with at least one (1) LEA receiving Title I funds and one (1) community-based organization or other private entity.

Length of Awards: Grant awards will be made for a period of five (5) years, pending funding availability and the center's satisfactory implementation of the proposed program.

Available Funding for Awards: The amount available for this award period is approximately \$1,000,000.00.

Anticipated Number of Awards: It is anticipated that OSSE will have funding available for approximately 3 to 5 new awards. Those awarded will join the 21 current award recipients delivering services in 46 sites.

The Request for Applications (RFA) will be released on Friday, February 6, 2009 and the deadline for submission is Thursday, May 21, 2009 at 4:00 p.m. The RFA will be available on OSSE's website, www.osse.dc.gov, and/or by contacting the Division of Education Excellence at (202) 741-6401.

The OSSE will facilitate eight (8) Mandatory Pre-Application Technical Assistance Workshops for grant applicants. Applicants are **required** to attend one of the eight Mandatory Pre-Application Technical Assistance Workshops to be held from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. on Friday, March 12, 2009; Tuesday, March 17, 2009; Wednesday, March 18, 2009; and Monday, March 23, 2009 in the 3rd Floor Conference Room at 51 N Street NE or 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 2, 2009, Monday, April 6, 2009, Wednesday, April 8, 2009 and Monday, April 13, 2009 in the Lower Level Conference Room at 51 N Street NE, Washington, DC 20002. **No one will be admitted once the workshop has begun and attendance will be taken at the end of the workshop. Failure to attend one of the Pre-Application Technical Assistance Workshops will disqualify an application. Pre-Registration for the Pre-Application Technical Assistance Workshops is required.**

For additional information regarding this competition, please contact Mr. Derrick Blue, Program Management Officer via email at derrick.blue@dc.gov.